

# Hughes or Groom Will Pitch Against Athletics This Afternoon

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SHOULD START EARLIER

Players and Fans Take Chances in Cold and Damp April Weather—Other News Notes and Sport Gossip of General Interest.

By WILLIAM PEET.

Agitation has already been started in several quarters for a later date to mark the opening of the American and National League baseball seasons, claim being made that the weather around April 10 not only has havoc with the majority of ball players but fans who attend contests first with pneumonia.

The 1913 baseball season is but four days old, and twenty-seven contests should have been completed, but only fourteen games have actually been played, one of these a special dedication game prior to the date set for starting between Brooklyn and Philadelphia.

For Washington, three scheduled games have been called off in as many days, two with the New York Highlanders and one with the Baltimore Orioles in the Monumental City.

Stoney McMillin, the baseball writer of the Philadelphia Press, has decided views on the subject of a later opening. He says in his Sunday newspaper: "Some of these days the weather man and the baseball magnates are going to get together and try to come to an understanding about the spring weather. It is absurd for the men who guide the destinies of the national pastime to continue to butt their dollars against rain, snow, ice winds, and pneumonia weather generally."

"Not being a weather sharp, I cannot offer a solution. But surely the man who presides over the rain and sunshine bureau should be able to tell us why April has borrowed days from January the last two years. If he finds that the coal dealers are going to continue to get our money in the month which should introduce spring fever, he would do baseball a service by tipping off the magnates and allowing them to fix their schedule accordingly."

"Of course, rain is likely to happen along at any time. The baseball magnate always gambles with Jupiter Pluvius. But the cold weather has no place in April, according to our calculations. The contests in Brooklyn and Philadelphia last week were finished under conditions which made it a hardship upon players and spectators. That was the general opinion in every city where games were possible."

"Baseball players take chances with their future on the diamond when they are compelled to play in such beastly weather. "Magnates owe it to themselves, as well as the players and fans, to make a study of this question. If the old world is spinning on its axis in such a way as to make April like June, January, the start of the baseball season should be delayed. Interest will be greater May 1 because the fans have had to wait. The crowds will be greater as a consequence and at the end of the season the magnate will find his bank balance just as big."

Bob Groom or Tom Hughes, with the chances favoring the last named, will be on the rubber this afternoon in the opening game of the series against the Philadelphia Athletics, providing, of course, that the rain holds off and the badly flooded ball park can be sponged to a semblance of dryness.

It is not known who will do the pitching for the White Elephants, but a wise guess will be the one who happens to be in the best shape for Connie Mack wants to beat the Nationals, and would rather humble Griff's crowd than any other ball club in the world.

The Mackmen won two games from the champion Red Sox last week, but were forced to use up three pitchers in each contest, indicating that the Philadelphia twirlers are not in the best of condition.

The enforced lay-off has not done the local club any good, but the players are determined to put a crimp in the White Elephants' pennant aspirations from the start, and the opening series here promises to be bitterly fought.

Roxey Roach, the peppery youngster whom Griff signed from the International League last season and who was tardy for a while, has been made captain of the Buffalo club, of the Inter-

national circuit, this year, and, according to reports, is playing great ball.

The game between the Nationals and Baltimore Orioles, booked for Back River Park, Baltimore, yesterday, had to be called off on account of the flooded field. It is more than likely that the teams will meet at a later date over in the Monumental City.

Sizing up the situation to a nicety and hitting the nail on the head when he states that the tail-end ball club has a mighty hard row to hoe, Jim Wray, of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, says: "Edmond Rostrand put into the mouth of Cyrano de Bergerac the brave words: 'It is more glorious to fight when there is no hope.' Unless there are more Cyrano in the world by about six than we suspect the good old sphere of owning, there will be that number of embittered club leaders at the end of the season inaugurated Thursday."

For at least half a dozen magnates are called upon to make the "more glorious" struggle—that against odds, with no chance of winning. In each league three clubs appear to have not the faintest chance of success, from a pennant-winning standpoint, this year. Yet both players and managers will have to wear the jaunty front and stagger through the campaign with the eye on "next year" the manna of the baseball game.

The tail-end team gets small credit for the right heart and stuff, and is bound to make an impression some day. But where is that team? As before intimated, modern Cyrano are as rare as hens with gold-filled teeth, and that's some rare, the chicken family opines.

The team able to fight on in the face of a "no hope" struggle, however, is not altogether hopeless. It is made up of the right heart and stuff, and is bound to make an impression some day. But where is that team? As before intimated, modern Cyrano are as rare as hens with gold-filled teeth, and that's some rare, the chicken family opines.

A New York fight critic hands out a little roasting for Messrs. McCarthy and McCarney in the following manner: "Mr. Luthy, McCarthy, and his manager, Mr. William McCarney, who were busting to pay board bills last summer, are trying to squeeze \$15,000 out of the Garden of Eden. A C. for a ten-round bout with Gunboat Smith. William Gibson has offered to guarantee Luther and William \$12,500, but they can't see it that way. It will be remembered that McCarthy and his manager were roundly scored for turning down \$10,000 to box Bombardier Wells. If McCarthy veers away from the Gunboat by declining \$12,500, therefore, nobody knows how unpopular Luther will become. As a matter of fact, Gunboat Smith at the present time is as much of a card of McCarthy, yet Smith is not demanding the earth with a diamond belt around it."

Anderson and Brown Primed. Los Angeles, Cal., April 13.—Bud Anderson, of Vancouver, and Knockout Brown, the New York light-weight, matched to box twenty rounds before the Pacific A. C. at Vernon next Tuesday night, finished training this evening.

Twelve hundred fight fans crowded the Doyle camp where Anderson wound up by boxing two rounds with each "Battling" Kid Carter and Brother Freddie Anderson.

Down at his ocean side camp in Venice, Brown took his final fling at training by boxing with Martin Leahy and Brother Adam Brown. The men will make 133 pounds at 7:30 Tuesday night, entering the ring at 9:15. Charles F. Eytan will referee.

## ALLEN SURE TO BE BACK, DECLARES SCOUT KAHOE

Rose of Sharon, Now with Montreal, Has Earmarks of Future Star.

IS FAST AS A STREAK

"Mark my words, there is one ball player who will be back with the Nationals next year, said Scout Mike Kahoe when he learned that Griff had farmed out little Bill Allen, the Rose of Sharon, to Montreal, and that Allen had been sold under the optional agreement.

Allen made a big impression on the Old Fox during the training camp stage at Charlottesville, but with Milan, Moeller, and Shanks playing such good ball there was no place for the former Sharon star, and Griff was forced to send him away.

Hitting from the left side of the plate, Allen was wonderfully quick at getting away, and fast as chain lightning on the bases. He is not a finished fielder by any means, neither is he particularly strong against southpaw pitching, but he has a lot of natural ability, and with a club like Montreal, where he can be in the game every day, there is no reason why he should not develop rapidly, correct his faults, and make good the claim of Scout Kahoe, who dug him up while beating the bushes last summer.

To Prohibit Explosive Golf Balls. Boston, Mass., April 13.—Owing to two serious accidents in the past four days, a bill will be introduced in the Legislature tomorrow on recommendation of the State Board of Health to prohibit the sale and use of certain imported golf balls which contain an explosive acid that destroys the eyesight and burns anything it touches when it is set off.

Several people have lost the use of one or both eyes and have been disfigured in other ways as a result of these golf balls exploding.

Hughy Jennings hopes to develop a couple of young twirlers and upon whom he is banking his chances of ending the season in the first division.

FIRST ON CALL, BUT NOT ON PAY ROLL



JIMMY ARCHER.

The Chicago National League club presents the paradox of paying its first string catcher less money than it does his assistant, under the "clever" deals made by President Murphy. The Cub boss thought he was making a big hit when he signed Bresnahan at a fancy figure; then found Archer holding out on him for as good or better. Archer compromised, at what figure is not known, but the general understanding is he will draw less for his season's work than will Bresnahan, though he is considered the Cub's first catcher.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

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Detroit, Cleveland—Rain.

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New York at Boston.

Chicago at St. Louis.

Detroit at Cleveland.

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Chicago	1	0	1.000	1.000
St. Louis	0	1	.000	.000
Detroit	0	1	.000	.000
Cleveland	0	1	.000	.000

### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Chicago, 7; Pittsburgh, 4.

St. Louis, Cincinnati—Rain.

#### GAMES TODAY.

Boston at Philadelphia.

Brooklyn at New York.

Pittsburgh at Chicago.

St. Louis at Cincinnati.

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Ballston Team Challenges. The Ballston Baseball Club would like to challenge any strong uniformed team in Washington and vicinity for Sunday games and any week day after May 1. Address all challenges to H. Smoot, Ballston, Va.

### RAIN PLAYS HAVOC WITH COLLEGE NINES

With two exceptions rain played havoc with the college baseball games Saturday, and wholesale cancellations were the order. Cornell and the Army were the only teams of any prominence favored with even reasonable weather, and each made the best of its opportunities by winning.

The games played resulted as follows: Army . . . 11 Norwich . . . 4 Cornell . . . 7 Niagara . . . 2

The games postponed, most of which were canceled, were as follows: Princeton vs. Dartmouth, at Princeton; Harvard vs. Johns Hopkins, at Baltimore; Pennsylvania vs. Lafayette, at Philadelphia; Yale vs. Wesleyan, at New Haven; Columbia vs. Union, at South Field; Navy vs. Lehigh, at Annapolis; Fordham vs. Holy Cross, at Fordham; New York University vs. Rutgers, at Ohio Field.

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## GALLAGHER MAY ACCEPT BIG OFFER TO TURN PRO

Georgetown Marathon Now Considering \$5,000 Bid for One Race in Brooklyn Ball Park. News and Gossip of the Amateurs.

By C. W. SWAN.

Johnny Gallagher, Georgetown's great little runner, is considering the offer of a New York promoter of \$5,000 for one race, in the Brooklyn ball park, on Sunday, April 14, against Billy Quail and Kolesmanian, the sensational Finn.

This offer was made Gallagher some two weeks ago, but the game little athlete refused to consider it at that time. Talking about plans for his future, Johnny said: "I may take that offer, for \$5,000 is a lot of money. I know that I won't be able to run all my life, and I may as well get a good start now. I have not made up my mind yet regarding the race, but am considering the offer."

Gallagher is one of the greatest runners who has ever represented Georgetown University. He finished seventh in the Olympic Marathon, and has won many races over courses of from three to twenty miles. Last winter he landed the South Atlantic championship, in Baltimore, simply trying with the big field of stars.

Before entering Georgetown, Gallagher ran for Yale, and managed to land several firsts. Since entering the Hilltop university Johnny has taken a prominent part in track athletics, and has done good work as a member of the great relay four, champions of the South.

The amateur association of the District will hold an important meeting tonight at 8 o'clock, and managers and players are requested to attend. This meeting is open to the public, and a banner attendance is expected.

A magnet which is sure to bring a big crowd is the fact that Manager Griffith, of the Nationals, will be on hand to shove out a few hints to the amateurs. Manager Griffith is strong for the sandlotters, and has proven himself a

friend of the local boys in more than one instance.

Two leagues will become members of the association tonight—the Federal and Central circuits. President Cornelius, of the Central League, stated last night that he would be on hand promptly and would lose no time becoming a member of the new ruling body. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 8 o'clock, with President Robert H. Young in the chair.

With the opening game of the scholastic series booked this week the high school ball clubs will start work in earnest. Undoubtedly will be ahead of the different squads, and teamwork made the chief factor.

While Western has been picked to land the pennant, the Business aggregation is out for that old flag, and may spring a surprise on the lads from across the creek.

Coach White, of the Stenographers, has a pretty fair ball team, one which can hit and field, and, with Kelly and Derrick in the box, will make Western hustle.

There is one factor which may hurt the Stenographers. Luck always plays a big part in the high school games, and the Pen Pushers are liable to go sky high at the slightest provocation.

Derrick has shown good form this spring, pitching several good games, while Kelly has shown that he is one of the best pitchers who ever pitched in a high school series in this city. With any kind of support, either one of these pitchers will give Western a rub.

Business should have little trouble beating Eastern in the opening game, on the form shown by the two teams. Business should have little trouble beating Eastern in the opening game, on the form shown by the two teams.

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## ED WALSH TO RESCUE AND WHITE SOX WIN

Chicago Takes Fall Out of St. Louis by a 7 to 2 Score After Promising Rally in Ninth.

### BROWNS' TWILERS ARE WILD

St. Louis, Mo., April 13.—The White Sox won today's game from the Browns by a score of 7 to 2, after choking off a promising rally by the home team in the ninth inning with the aid of Walsh's masterly pitching. With the game apparently clinched, Lange suddenly weakened in the ninth session and passed the first three who faced him.

Walsh came into the game with the bases filled and none out and struck out three pinch-hitters in rapid succession. St. Louis' pitchers were wild and ineffective, and had fielding helped along their downfall. Score:

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St. Louis	2	5	1	28	7	10	0	32

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## CUBS FIND PIRATES' EASY PICKING, 7 TO 4

Hendrix, Pittsburg Finger, Is Batted Hard and Often Before Big Crowd.

### CHENEY IS IN GOOD FORM

Chicago, April 13.—The Cubs trimmed the Pirates, today in their first clash of the season, 7 to 4, before 18,000 fans. Evers' men slammed Claude Hendrix, the Pirate star, viciously in the first and fifth rounds, and Clarke finally sent Claude to the bench. Cheney stopped Pittsburg cold, except in the third round, when they counted three runs. Score:

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